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Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application
Appl. No. 09/177,387; Filed: October 23, 1998
For: **Recombinational Cloning Using Nucleic Acids Having Recombination Sites**
Inventors: HARTLEY *et al.*
Our Ref: 0942.2850004/RWE/BJD

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. Third Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement (*in duplicate*);
2. Form PTO-1449 (2 pages), citing four (4) references (AK2, AA3, AP3 and AR55);
3. A copy of each cited reference; and
4. One return post card

It is respectfully requested that the attached postcard be stamped with the date of filing of these documents, and that it be returned to our courier. In the event that extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

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The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036. A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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Listed on accompanying Form PTO-1449 are documents that may be considered material to the examination of this application, in compliance with the duty of disclosure requirements of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98. A copy of each of these documents is provided. The numbering on this Third Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is a continuation of the numbering on Applicants' Second Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement filed December 23, 1999, in connection with the above-captioned application.

The Examiner is referred to U.S. Patent Application Nos. 09/432,085, filed November 2, 1999, and 09/438,358, filed November 12, 1999, which are drawn to related technical subject matter. The identification of these U.S. Patent Applications is not to be construed as a waiver of secrecy as to those applications now or upon issuance of the present application as a patent. The Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the cited applications and the art cited therein during examination.

Where the publication date of a listed document does not provide a month of publication, the year of publication of the listed document is sufficiently earlier than the effective U.S. filing date and any foreign priority date so that the month of publication is not in issue. Applicants have listed publication dates on the attached PTO-1449 based on information presently available to the undersigned. However, the listed publication dates should not be construed as an admission that the information was actually published on the date indicated.

Applicants reserve the right to establish the patentability of the claimed invention over any of the information provided herewith, and/or to prove that this information may not be prior art, and/or to prove that this information may not be enabling for the teachings purportedly offered.

This statement should not be construed as a representation that an exhaustive search has been made, or that information more material to the examination of the present patent application does not exist. The Examiner is specifically requested not to rely solely on the material submitted herewith. It is further understood that the Examiner will consider information that was cited or submitted to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in a prior application relied on under 35 U.S.C. § 120. 1138 OG 37, 38 (May 19, 1992).

This Third Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within three months of the filing date of the Continued Prosecution Application and before the mailing date of the First Office Action on the merits. No statement or fee is required.

It is respectfully requested that the Examiner initial and return a copy of the enclosed PTO-1449 and indicate in the official file wrapper of this patent application that the documents have been considered. The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036. A duplicate copy of this pleading is enclosed.

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